

REMARKS

The present Application is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/250,675, now abandoned, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/372,620, now United States Patent Number 5,873,072, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 07/736,071, now United States Patent Number 5,383,113.

A denial of priority on similar grounds to those asserted in the present application was also asserted in Application Serial Number 09/541,362, but was overturned on Petition. A copy of the Decision on Petition under 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3), dated June 13, 2003, in which the claimed priority date of July 25, 1991, has been granted to application serial number 09/541,362, is attached herewith. In view of the prior Decision on Petition, it is respectfully submitted that the denial of the claimed priority date in the instant application, as noted in the Advisory Action dated May 9, 2003, should be withdrawn. Accordingly, acknowledgement of such withdrawal is hereby requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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Enclosure: Copy of Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3)
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